

## **REMEMBERING MARGUERITE Q. WARREN: 1919–2008**

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I first met Rita in 1971. Over a period of years she had developed and researched a system for the differential diagnosis and treatment of juvenile offenders—a highly sophisticated and elegant system—and was conducting intensive six-week training sessions at her center in Sacramento, California. I was sent from Colorado's juvenile justice system to be trained in her internationally known approach, and tasked with bringing it back to Colorado and implementing it statewide. I remember so clearly her very first lecture and the powerful impression she made on me. Without hesitation I adopted her as a significant role model. Soon after she also became my mentor, and later, dear friend.

Years later, in 1983, upon retiring as a professor from the State University of New York at Albany, Rita and her husband, Martin, built a home and moved to the New Land. She quickly became a close friend and confidante to both Bob and Nancy Monroe, and it didn't take Bob any time at all to recognize the new gold mine he had in his neighborhood. He mined it by putting Rita in charge of the *EXPLORER* program, and over the next four years she and Martin monitored literally hundreds of sessions in the lab. This was done on a volunteer basis: a true labor of love. TMI owes a debt of gratitude to Rita and Martin for their conscientious commitment throughout those years, and for the outstanding quality of those *EXPLORER* sessions. Rita also made considerable and significant contributions to the work of TMI by assisting with research efforts, as well as serving on the Board of Advisors for many years.

On a number of occasions I was fortunate to serve in the role of technician to Rita's monitor. No novice to interviewing, I was frequently awestruck by Rita's skills as she gently guided the explorer through deeper and deeper levels of insight and understanding. The words and questions she chose were beautifully and perfectly crafted and masterfully elicited the next most natural, expanded progression into the explorer's experience. On a personal level, she was one of those dear souls whom you just delight in—witty, calm and centered, compassionate, gracious. Her deep wisdom, passion for ideas, and love of stimulating discourse were inspired and inspiring. Rita's passing leaves a void in the TMI and New Land communities that no one else can fill. We were truly fortunate to have her with us for as long as we did. We only wish it could have been longer.